

Indianapolis Track Elevation Photo Album

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Historical Note:

In the 1850s, Indianapolis was popularly viewed as the "Railroad City" due to the number of railroads in the small town. By the 1900s, the introduction and popularity of automobiles as well as continually increasing railroad usage led to problems surrounding the layout of the various lines. Passengers were often required to cross tracks in order to reach their trains, leading to safety hazards, and stopped trains blocked automobile traffic leading to traffic jams in streets surrounding such places as Union Station. This led to a railroad track elevation project which was begun by 1915 and was mostly completed in 1922. The Belt Line bridge over the White River finished construction around 1930.

Source:

Bogle, Victor M. "Railroads." Encyclopedia of Indianapolis. Eds. David J. Bodenhamer and Robert G. Barrows. Bloomington & Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 1994. 1160-64.

Gadski, Mary Ellen. "Union Station." Encyclopedia of Indianapolis. Eds. David J. Bodenhamer and Robert G. Barrows. Bloomington & Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 1994. 1363-64.

Geib, Miriam K. "Railroad Track Elevation." Encyclopedia of Indianapolis. Eds. David J. Bodenhamer and Robert G. Barrows. Bloomington & Indianapolis: Indiana University Press, 1994. 1160.

Materials within collection.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains photographs of Indianapolis railroad tracks, train sheds, and bridges. The photographs date from about 1905 until 1930. Photographs include the Union Station train shed, construction of the Belt Line railroad bridge over the White River, and tracks near various streets such as Senate Avenue.

Item Listing:

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